

REMARKS

The Examiner has asserted that the patent application includes four patentably distinct inventions. More particularly, the Examiner has stated that: Invention I is drawn to a countermeasure system; Invention II is drawn to a marine vessel; Invention III is drawn to a method of using a countermeasure system; and Invention IV drawn to a method of using a marine vessel countermeasure system. Invention I has been elected as the invention to be examined in the present application.

Further, the Examiner asserts that the application includes seven patentably distinct species of the invention. With regard to the rotation inhibitor, species (a) has been elected. Further, with respect to the pitching step, species (g) has been elected. Claims 1-10 read on the elected species of Invention I. Accordingly, only Claims 1-10 remain pending in the current application.

It is asserted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such disposition is hereby requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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